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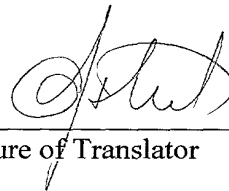
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METHOD OF TREATMENT OF MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS AND COMPLEX
PREPARATION HAVING ANTINEOPLASTIC ACTIVITY

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The invention relates to the field of medicine, oncology in particular, and can be used for chemotherapeutical treatment of oncological patients, suffering from different kinds of malignant neoplasms.

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Methods of treatment of cancer by means of chemical preparations are known. According to mechanism of action chemical preparations are subdivided into alkylating agents, antimetabolites, alkaloids, antibiotics, hormones, immunomodulators and some others. In the course of treatment by different chemical preparations, the advantages and disadvantages thereof have been revealed.

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Owing to comparatively small working concentrations, the chemical preparations affecting DNA are widely used. Alkylation of the vital DNA molecule leads to incapability of normal fission of cells and to their subsequent elimination. However, at the same time, DNA of normal non-cancerous cells is also subjected to alkylation. In order to reduce toxicity in relation to normal cells, when such preparations are applied, the methods for targeted delivery of preparations to cancerous cells by means of specific ligands, for example alpha-fetoprotein (AFP), are used. AFP is a transport protein, capable of delivering the substance bounded thereto to the cells having corresponding receptors. Such receptors abound on actively proliferating cancerous cells.

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The method of treatment of primary liver cancer by means of intra-arterial injection of AFP in an amount of 2-20 mg, mainly 15 mg, five times at an interval of 7-12 days is known (Patent RU No. 2,058,153, cl. A 61 K 38/00, published April 20, 1996, Bulletin No. 11).

The known method foresees the use of large amounts of AFP and distinguishes by long duration and limited extent of use, since the conditions for selecting patients for treatment by such a method are absence of jaundice and ascites, unoperability, absence of serious concurrent diseases.

The method of treatment of malignant neoplasms by means of intravenous injection of a complex preparation, comprising AFP and estrone-doxorubicin conjugate (Patent RU No. 2,026,688, cl. A 61 K 38/00, published January 20, 1995, Bulletin No. 2), is known. For preparation of the complex preparation impure AFP, an abortive material is used which is concentrated after rough purification to the content of AFP of 100 µg/ml and is then sterilized. Thereafter an antineoplastic antibiotic - doxorubicin is subjected to conjugation with a ligand - estrone in an equimolar ratio. Immediately 1-2 hours before intravenous injection the concentrate of AFP in an amount of 100 ml is mixed with 20 ml of the conjugate and thus one dose of the complex preparation for one injection (a single dose of AFP comprises 10 mg) is obtained. The overall course of treatment comprises 6 injections (three times every other day at an interval of a week).

The disadvantage of the known method is the use of high doses of AFP, the disadvantage of the known complex preparation is a labour-intensive procedure of obtaining the triple complex AFP-estrone-doxorubicin and impossibility of storage of the preparation for more than 2 hours.

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The closest method to the present method - the prototype - is a method of treatment of primary liver cancer, comprising injection of the preparation doxorubicin dissolved in Lipiodol ultrafluid into the liver artery, while as the preparation doxorubicin doxorubicin-estrone dissolved in 96% ethyl alcohol at 70-76°C in a dose of 20-60 mg in 10-15 ml of Lipiodol

ultrafluid is used. 20 minutes prior to that a dose of 2-10 mg of AFP in 12-15 ml of physiological salt is injected into the liver artery; the repeated treatment is carried out after 3-4 weeks (Patent RU No. 2,065,307, cl. A 61 K 38/17, published August 20, 1996, Bulletin No. 23).

The disadvantages of the known method are:

- labour-intensity of the method, connected with separated injection of AFP and of doxorubicin-estrone complex;
- the use of high concentrations of the chemical preparations (AFP - 2-10 mg, doxorubicin-estrone complex - 20-60 mg), which can lead to toxic side reactions;
- high cost of treatment.

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The closest complex preparation to the present complex preparation - the prototype - is a kit used for treatment of primary liver cancer and comprising doxorubicin-estrone in an amount of 20-60 mg in 15 ml vials, Lipiodol ultrafluid in two ampules by 10 ml, AFP in an amount of 2-10 mg in 10 ml vials, physiological salt in volume of 15 ml in an ampule and 96% ethyl alcohol in volume of 5 ml in an ampule (Patent No. 2,065,307, cl. A 61 K 38/17, published August 20, 1996, Bulletin No. 23).

25 The disadvantages of the known kit are:

- labour-intensity and duration of obtaining the sterile doxorubicin-estrone complex as well as labour-intensity of preparation of the working solution of the given preparation: the preparation is dissolved in 0.5-1.5 ml of 96% ethyl alcohol, heating to 70-76°C, the resultant solution is transferred into 10-15 ml of previously upwarmed Lipiodol ultrafluid, the suspension thus obtained is cooled to 32-37°C and is then injected into the liver artery under X-ray television control;
- high concentrations of the preparations used in the kit;

- polycomponent nature of the kit.

The technical object of the group of the inventions is to simplify the known method, to lower the doses of the
5 preparations to be injected and to reduce the costs of treatment.

The established object has been achieved by means of hereby proposed method of treatment of malignant neoplasms and a
10 complex preparation having neoplastic activity for use in such treatment.

The realization of the method of treatment.

15 Depending on the character and seriousness of the disease, to a patient, together with the basic infusion-detoxication therapy, the complex preparation, comprising AFP in an amount of 0.07-0.15 mg, a polyene antibiotic in an amount of 4.2-7.0 mg and a pharmaceutically suitable filler, is parenterally
20 injected once within twenty-four hours at an interval of three days in a course of 10 infusions.

The complex preparation having antineoplastic activity comprises the following components, in mg:

25 AFP	0.07 - 0.15
a polyene antibiotic	4.2 - 7.0
a filler	3.5 - 5.0

As a polyene antibiotic amphotericin B or nystatin is mainly
30 used.

As a filler sugars are mainly used, for example glucose or synthetic polymers, selected from the group of polysaccharides, for example polyglykine, rheopolyglykine and dextran.

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The complex preparation is obtained as follows: AFP with purity

not less than 98% is dissolved in distilled water or physiological salt in an amount of 0.07-0.15 mg/ml, whereto a polyene antibiotic in an amount of 4.2-7.0 mg/ml and then a filler in an amount of 3.5-5.0 mg/ml are added, after that the components are carefully mixed and the resultant mixture is then left to stand at 18-25°C for 10-12 hours. Thereafter the solution is sterilized by filtration, pre-packed in ampules or vials having a capacity of 1.2 or 3 ml and freeze-dried. The mass ratio of AFP, a polyene antibiotic and a filler is 1 : (60-100) : (50-70).

The complex preparation (conventional designation Reducin) is a powder of yellow colour, soluble in water, in physiological salt, in glucose solution and in other diluents (carriers), suitable for intravenous injection. One ampule of the complex preparation comprises: 0.07-0.15 mg of AFP, 4.2-7.0 mg of polyene antibiotic and 3.5-5.0 mg of corresponding filler. For preparation of the working solution the content of the ampule is dissolved in 2-3 ml of sterile water and is then transferred into 200 ml vial together with a carrier, suitable for intravenous injection.

The present method comprises injection to a patient of a new complex chemical preparation having antineoplastic activity and consisting of a vector part (AFP), specific to cancerous cells, and a nonspecific part, comprising a cytotoxic substance. As the latter an essentially new channel-forming and surface-active agent (SAA), namely a polyene antibiotic, for example amphotericin B or nystatin, which have not been previously used as antineoplastic remedies, is used. The targets for the new complex preparation are membranes of intracellular substructures. Such substructures include mitochondria, lysosomes, endoplasmatic reticula (EPR), nuclei, etc. In case of disorders in the function of membranes of substructures, a normal cell function, ensurable by the compartmentalization of different functions, is impossible. As

a result autodigestion of cancerous cells takes place according to the mechanism of induced apoptosis.

The use of AFP as a vector for targeted delivery of cytotoxic
5 preparations to cancerous cells is known (see for instance
patent RU No. 2,071,351, cl. A61 K 38/17, published January 10,
1997). In all known cases AFP is bounded with a cytotoxic part
of the preparation by a chemical covalent bond, whereas in the
present complex preparation AFP and SAA form a noncovalent
10 complex, ensuring simultaneously the stability of the
macromolecule during transportation and its functional
independence in the process of cytotoxic action of the polyene
antibiotic. The activity of the present complex preparation is
based on the initiation of physiological reduction of cancerous
15 cells according to the mechanism similar to that of apoptosis.
As a rule, the natural autodestruction of the cells of tumor
under the influence of the present complex preparation does not
lead to intoxication of the organism and the effect of the
treatment appears quickly.

20 The essential distinctive features of the present method, as
compared with those of the prototype, are:

- to a patient the complex preparation, comprising AFP in an
25 amount of 0.07-0.15 mg, a polyene antibiotic in an amount of
4.2-7.0 mg and a pharmaceutically suitable filler, is injected
parenterally and simultaneously in a course of 10 injections
(infusions) once in three days, which enables to simplify the
known method, to lower the doses of the preparations to be
30 injected and to reduce the costs of treatment.

The essential distinctive features of the present complex
preparation, as compared with those of the known preparation,
are:

35 - the complex preparation comprises additionally a surface-

active agent, namely a polyene antibiotic, mainly amphotericin B or nystatin, in an amount of 4.2-7.0 mg, which provides the complex with a new type of bond with a vector part - with a noncovalent bond, and a new mechanism of interaction with cancerous cells - with the membranes of the substructures of cancerous cells (membranes of lysosomes, EPR, mitochondria, nuclei), which, in its turn, improves the efficiency of the treatment and reduces side complications;

- the complex preparation comprises the components in optimal, experimentally selected amounts and ratios, namely: AFP - 0.07-0.15 mg, a polyene antibiotic - 4.2-7.0 mg, a filler - 3.5-5.0 mg, which enables to improve the efficiency of the treatment and substantially lower the doses of the active components used.

Being supported by the fact that no analogous method of treatment of malignant neoplasms and no analogous complex preparation having antineoplastic activity have been revealed, it may be concluded that the present group of inventions meet the requirements for patentability in respect of "novelty" and "inventive step".

The present method has been tested on 8 patients having IV clinical stage of oncological diseases, progressing after traditional ways of treatment. A full or a partial clinical effect has been achieved on 6 patients out of 8 (75%). The terms of remission were from 6 months to 1.5 years. In majority cases, for achieving a well-defined clinical effect it was sufficient to conduct one course of treatment.

The inventions are characterized by the following Examples.

Example 1

For preparation of the complex preparation Reducin 700 mg of AFP, 42 g of amphotericin B and 50 g of rheopolyglykine are dissolved in 1 litre of distilled water by mixing, subsequently

the volume is increased up to 10 litres. The resultant mixture is incubated at room temperature for 10-12 hours and is then subjected to sterilization by filtration through a membrane filter, pre-packed in 10,000 ampules or vials by 1 ml (a single dose) and thereafter freeze-dried in aseptic conditions. One ampule (vial) comprises 0.07 mg of AFP, 4.2 mg of amphotericin B and 5.0 mg of rheopolyglykine.

Example 2

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The complex preparation Reducin is obtained analogously to Example 1, with the exception that to water solution 1 g of AFP, 50 g of amphotericin B and 40 g of polyglykine are added. As a result the preparation, comprising 0.1 mg of AFP, 5.0 mg of amphotericin B and 4.0 mg of polyglykine in a single dose, is obtained.

Example 3

20 The complex preparation is obtained analogously to Example 1, with the exception that to water solution 1.5 g of AFP, 70 g of amphotericin B and 30 g of dextran (molecular mass 100 kDa, Serva) are added. As a result the preparation, comprising 0.15 mg of AFP, 7.0 mg of amphotericin B and 3.0 mg of dextran in a single dose, is obtained.

Example 4

The complex preparation is obtained analogously to Example 1, with the exception that to water solution 750 mg of AFP, 60 g of nystatin and 50 g of glucose are added. As a result the preparation, comprising 0.075 mg of AFP, 6.0 mg of nystatin and 5.0 mg of glucose in a single dose, is obtained.

35 Example 5

Volnaja L., 54 years old, the patient record No. 587, was hospitalized on April 02, 1999 with the diagnosis: central cancer of the right lung IV stage (recidivation, progressive 5 course), cancer of the left mammary gland II stage (remission). The patient was complaining weakness, dyspnea, exhausting cough.

The data of the inspection. X-ray photograph of the organs of thorax: on both sides in the lungs there are numerous 10 polymorphous shadows of metastases in sizes from 0.5 to 2.5 cm and of medium intensity and uneven outlines. The shadow of mediastinum has shifted rightwards and expanded. The right lung field has diminished in volume; below the fourth rib there is an intensive overshadowing because of the liquid in the pleural 15 cavity.

A course of polychemotherapy was conducted according to the scheme CAF: On the 1st and 8th days intravenously 1 g of cyclophosphane, on the 1st and 8th days intravenously 500 mg 20 of 5-fluorouracil, on the 2nd and 9th days of the treatment intravenously 40 mg of adriablastin. The treatment was accompanied by high toxicity without an expressed clinical effect.

25 Thereafter the patient was treated according to the present method. The complex preparation Reducin, comprising 0.07 mg of AFP, 4.5 mg of amphotericin B and 5.0 mg of glucose, was injected by infusion in a course of 10 injections once in three days. The condition of the patient has improved and became 30 satisfactory a week after the course of treatment had been finished. On the basis of the data of the radiology inspection of the organs of thorax favourable changes were registered, characterized by the decreased number of metastases in the lungs and the weakening of intensity of the shadows of dissemination.

35 The liquid in the pleural cavity was not inspected. Dyspnea on ascent has diminished and cough disappeared completely. During

the treatment with Reducin a rise in temperature and a shiver were observed, which were treated with standard preparations.

Example 6

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Voljnyj M., 62 years old, the patient record No. 800, was hospitalized with the diagnosis: central cancer of the right lung IV stage (adenocarcinoma); spread metastases in head, in the right hemisphere of brain, in neck, in thorax; right-sided
10 carcinomatous pleurisy; chronic deforming bronchitis; pulmonary emphysema; diabetes of the 2nd type; IBO; angina of effort; secondary immunodeficiency, undernourishment, condition after the courses of polychemotherapy.

15 The treatment program included a course of polychemotherapy according to the scheme CAMF. To the patient were injected 1 g of cyclophosphane on the 1st and 8th days, adriamicin on the 1st and 8th days, 50 mg of methotrexate on the 1st and 8th days, 5-fluorouracil on the 2nd and 9th days. The treatment was
20 accompanied by endotoxiosis and an abrupt worsening of the condition of the patient. No positive effects were detected.

Because of complicated condition of the patient, to him intravenous infusions of the complex preparation Reducin,
25 comprising 0.075 mg of AFP, 5.0 mg of nystatin and 5.0 mg of rheopolyglykine in a single dose, in a course of 10 infusions once in three days were prescribed.

6 days after the beginning of the treatment according to the
30 present method the diminishing of the sizes of subcutaneous metastases were noted. By the end of the treatment rapid improvement of the main disease was noted, which became apparent from the twofold reduction of the size of all surface metastatic nodes, the disappearing of pains in the lower jaw, the decreasing
35 of the rate of exudation in the right pleural cavity. Thrice conducted right-sided pleural puncture proved the decreasing of

volume of exudate: before the treatment the volume of exudate was 600 ml, a week after the treatment - 350 ml, three weeks after the treatment - 20 ml. The improvement of function of central nervous system became apparent from restoration of normal swallowing function, restoration of gripping function of the left hand, clinically corresponding to the reduction of metastasis in the right hemisphere of brain.

The use of the present method of treatment of malignant neoplasms and the complex preparation having antineoplastic activity, as compared with the known method of treatment and the kit for use in such treatment, enables:

- to simplify the method of treatment by means of simultaneous parenteral injection of the complex preparation, comprising AFP and cytotoxic SAA in optimal ratios;
- to lower the doses of the used components: AFP 13-140 times, the cytotoxic component 3-14 times;
- to improve the efficiency of treatment by means of using the complex preparation having high specificity to growing cancerous cells and optimal composition of the complex preparation having a long term of storage (two years);
- to reduce the costs of treatment by means of using a small number of components in the complex preparation and low doses of the chemical preparations to be used.

Thus, while using the present method of treatment of malignant neoplasms two biological mechanisms are realized. The first of them comprises the targeted delivery of the cytotoxic agent by means of AFP to tumorous cells. The second one comprises the directed destruction of the tumorous cells because of destruction of the intracellular structures, in particular EPR and lysosomes. This may be accompanied by autodigestion of tumorous cells, caused by the enzymes of hydrolysis, comprising in the lysosomes, according to the mechanism of targetably induced apoptosis. The directed reduction affects much less the cells of blood-forming,

immune and other constantly growing systems, being often damaged when standard antineoplastic chemotherapy is applied. The present complex preparation Reducin distinguishes by high efficiency of antineoplastic activity, a small number of components, simplicity of preparation and a long term of storage.

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